GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF AMARNATH CAVES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to extend the period of Amarnath Pilgrimage for some more months to make it convenient and secured;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is also under consideration by the Government for constitution of one Board on the lines of Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for the development of Amarnath Cave;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c), (d) and (e): "Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board" has been established on the lines of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Shrine Board by way of an Act passed by the Jammu & Kashmir State Legislature on 15.11.2000. The objective of this Board is the better management of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, upgradation of facilities for holy pilgrims and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.